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AUDITOR ALLEN LOSES WITH PROTEST OF THE DEMOCRATS.

Henderson to Have Advantage of Prohibition; Also the Primary Law Will be Optional.

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—The bill to continue the office of auditor for Henderson county was tabled in the House today, after passing the Senate unanimously for a second time, without being given any consideration before a committee, of the House itself. A number of members stated that they had received letters from democrats in Henderson protesting against the passage of the bill and, with the democrats divided, it had no chance from the beginning. The motion was made by Representative Valentine and met with little opposition. Had the democrats of the county been united in the support of the measure, there is little doubt that they would have gotten what they wanted.

The State-wide anti-jug bill as it passed the house last week was amended in the Senate today providing for submission to the people at a special election to be held in August. Another amendment provides that a number of counties mentioned in the same may have the benefits of the provisions of the bill whether it receives a majority in the State or not, if the proposition receives a majority in them. Henderson is one of the counties mentioned.

The House will discuss the primary bill passed by the Senate at an early day. This bill applies to state and district offices generally and county officers in most of the counties, leaving the method of selecting candidates optional in a large number of counties, Henderson being one of them.

MEMORY T. JUSTUS DEAD.

Liberal Hearted Citizen Dies at Age of 85 Years; Buried Sunday.

Memory T. Justus, aged 85 years, died last Friday night as the result of infirmities of age having been confined to his bed for only five days.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. W. F. Womble officiating. The Masonic order of which Mr. Justus was a member took charge of the body at the church and conducted the ceremonies at the grave with Masonic honors.

The pall bearers were Brownlow Jackson, R. P. Freeze, R. H. Staton, Furman Bane, Hesterly Stepp, J. O. Williams.

The services at the church were short, consisting of three quartets by Mrs. Satterthwaite, Mrs. J. L. Rose, Dr. W. F. Nickel and Dr. A. C.



MEMORY T. JUSTUS.

Tebeau, with Mrs. M. C. Toms presiding at the organ; scripture reading and prayer.

The deceased was the father of five children, four of whom are now living: Dr. W. H. Justus and Mrs. C. Few of this city; Mrs. J. P. Rickman of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. S. H. Hilliard of West Asheville. Mrs. Justus preceded him to the grave about twenty-six years ago.

Native of Henderson County.

Mr. Justus was a native of Henderson county, having been reared near Hendersonville. When a boy of six, he went to Greenville, S. C., and lived with his uncle, returning to Hendersonville in 1854. Two years later he married Miss Mary Reese of Georgia, who was visiting in the city. He opened a harness shop, having learned the harness business in Greenville. Later he handled hardware in connection with the harness business, this being the first hardware store in Hendersonville. Mr. Justus retired from business about five years ago, when he sold to his grandchildren, Ben and C. Few, Jr.

For the past few months Mr. Justus was not very active and had to be assisted from place to place, but he would not surrender to his infirmities until just a few days before death overtook him.

A Liberal Citizen.

Mr. Justus was regarded as an honorable and upright man, one who was always ready to do his part in anything with which he was connected, and a liberal contributor to church, charitable work and community welfare. He was often heard to express himself unfavorably toward those who would not pay their obligations and those who were unwilling to help in the general upbuilding of the community.

Mr. Justus was said to be the oldest citizen of Hendersonville.

MILLS RIVER TOWNSHIP ELECTS OFFICERS TO BUILD ROADS.

Commissioners are L. H. McKinney, S. J. Whitaker, T. E. Osborne, and Henry Lance; Good Meeting.

The Mills River township good roads mass meeting met Feb. 23rd, for the purpose of electing five township commissioners to build roads in the township out of the bond money.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Cathey.

On motion, Prof. J. W. Morgan was nominated and elected as temporary chairman.

On motion, Wade H. Whitesides was nominated and elected secretary.

On motion, the temporary election was made permanent.

On motion, made and carried meeting proceeded to elect township commissioners.

Before the election the question was raised as to whether the proper notice had been given, whereupon a motion was made and carried at the mass meeting, having a good representation, proceeded to elect commissioners, at this time, and the meeting adjourned till Saturday, Feb. 27th, at which time a majority of those present should be ratified or rejected.

Motion to elect by road section.

Motion to begin at Etowah.

M. R. Anderson nominated and elected by acclamation.

John Murry and L. H. McKinney were nominated, and proceeded to ballot. John Murry received 76 votes, L. H. McKinney 91 votes, L. H. McKinney elected.

S. J. Whitaker and M. M. Brittain nominated, and proceeded to ballot. S. J. Whitaker received 94 votes, M. M. Brittain 68, S. J. Whitaker elected.

S. E. Greenwood, T. B. Allen, J. H. Burgan, T. E. Osborne and Wade H. Whitesides were nominated and proceeded to ballot. S. E. Greenwood received 54 votes, T. A. Allen 6, J. H. Burgan 7, T. E. Osborne 106, Wade H. Whitesides 17, T. E. Osborne elected.

Frank Cathey and Henry Lance and J. L. Allen were nominated, and proceeded to ballot. Frank Cathey received 89 votes, Henry Lance 94, J. L. Allen 1, Henry Lance elected.

The people were enthusiastic over the prospects of good roads. Quite a number came from Etowah.

After a brief talk by Prof. J. W. Morgan, urging the people to stand by the commissioners we have elected not to grumble about their work but help them in every way possible to push the work forward and get best results, the convention was adjourned.

PROF. J. W. MORGAN,
Chairman.

WADE H. WHITESIDES,
Secretary.

Mills River township roads mass meeting met pursuant to adjournment taken on Feb. 23rd, for rejecting the election had on Feb. 23rd, upon the reading and correction of the meeting on Feb. 23rd said proceedings and election were ratified.

Afterwards motion was made for new election, which was ruled out of order by the chairman.

J. W. MORGAN, Chairman.
WADE H. WHITESIDES, Sec.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Thursday night there was a debate in the school house on the cotton acreage in the South. Robert Davis gave the welcoming address, following which Winborne Beason gave a declaration, one of Lincoln's speeches, in excellent manner. The debaters were Raymond Glenn and Horace Gray on the affirmative; Lee Allen and Homer McKinna on the negative. Miss Whitfield rendered a piano solo while the debaters were out for the rebuttal and during the absence of the judges from the room, Miss Willie Lou Jordan entertained most pleasantly with a recitation.

The judges decided in favor of the affirmative and considered Mr. Glenn the best individual debater. The attendance was not large but the presence of those who did get out, was very much appreciated.

Two weeks from Friday, the 5th, there will be a debate dealing with woman suffrage. This will be held at the school house as usual and if a larger assembly would be present, much encouragement would be felt.

The play "A Box of Monkeys," in two acts, will be given at the school building, Friday night, March 12th, for the benefit of the High School Literary society. Tickets are now being sold by members of the society, and if one of these young gentlemen or ladies do not interview you in regard to the disposal of a couple of tickets, it is only because they are all sold, so come and pay admission at the door. It behooves every reader of the Democrat to attend this bright little comedy.

OLIVE MUIRIEL FULLER,
High School Reporter.

TALK ON CHINA.

Rev. Geo. F. Wright talked to the third grade of the Hendersonville school Wednesday morning on the country of China in an interesting and instructive manner.

GIVEN CREDIT FOR NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING.



EX-CONGRESSMAN JOHN G. GRANT

WITH TEARS AND QUIVERING LIPS MR. GRANT GAVE THANKS.

Purse of Gold Given Congressman Grant as Appreciation of Valued Services for This City.

With quivering lips, flowing tears and broken speech as a result of his irrepressible emotions, Ex-Congressman John G. Grant on Thursday afternoon expressed his thanks for a purse of gold given him by his numerous friends as a result of his successful efforts in getting an appropriation for the new Hendersonville postoffice while in congress.

Arrangements were perfected for a public manifestation of Hendersonville's appreciation for these valued services, but Mr. Grant was recently taken ill and it was decided that a committee call at his home, where he is confined to his room, and make the presentation.

Judge O. V. F. Blythe, Solicitor Michael Schenck, E. W. Ewbank, Brownlow Jackson, R. H. Staton, P. F. Patton, J. E. Shipman and Noah M. Hollowell composed the committee. Talks were made by each of them, assuring Mr. Grant of the deep regret of his inability to be able to attend a public meeting, where public manifestation of the appreciation of all the people, regardless of political or other affiliations, could be made. They assured Mr. Grant that his valued services while in congress were appreciated by the whole of Hendersonville for it was his services that made it possible for this city to enjoy the advantages of the new \$70,000 postoffice building; they assured him of the high esteem in which the public held him, ever regarding him as a man of loyal, true, upright, courageous and most honest and honorable convictions, and expressed the hope that he would soon be physically able to be out and mingling with his friends again.

BUSINESS FIRMS TO MOVE.

Ideal Store, Power Company, W. M. Guill and Others to Move Early.

Arrangements have been made for a number of business moves in Hendersonville at an early date.

J. D. Boyd and Miss Nettie LeGrande have purchased the building occupied by W. M. Guill's grocery store and will occupy it some time before June and continue the fruit and candy business.

The Hendersonville Light & Power Co. will occupy the present stand of the Ideal cafe.

Mr. Guill has arranged for good quarters in the block Third and Fourth avenue, but owing to a pending deal the exact place has not been made public.

Miss LeGrande and Mr. Boyd paid \$5,000 for their new quarters, consisting of a two-story brick building, which is evidence of the fact that prices for Main street values are going up gradually.

NEW MAIL CARRIERS.

R. L. Jones has been appointed mail carrier on rural route No. 4, succeeded Flave Shepherd, who has been working as a regular substitute for the past five months. Mr. Shepherd has accepted a position with Slayden-Fakes & Co.

Fred Edney has been named as carrier on route 2, this route having been covered by Lonnie Rhodes and Rev. Mr. Morris for some time.

The appointments were received through competitive examinations.

Memory was Flooded.

As Mr. Grant listened to the kind words of encouragement, appreciation and praise and the recalling of bygone days when he served the public, an avalanche of memories crowded in upon him; tears began to flow; his lips quivered; his emotions were choking and speech was difficult. There were unspeakable thoughts flooding his mind and no doubt as the moments passed he recalled many events from childhood in the mountains of Henderson county to manhood when he served the public in different capacities as the peoples' servant of the heyday and splendor of his congressional life, when physical and mental manhood was in its height. It was a gigantic wave of thoughts too much for ordinary man to repress. As Mr. Grant attempted to express kind words of appreciation it was difficult to speak, but soon he controlled his emotions and proceeded to tell how his efforts in congress resulted in such great accomplishments for Hendersonville.

How He Did It.

Mr. Grant said that he and Representative Thomas of Eastern Carolina were on the appropriations committee; that he proposed to Mr. Thomas that all political differences be thrust aside for the good of North Carolina, which was the only State having two members on the committee. They put their heads together and got something for every district in the State to the surprise of many of the representatives from various parts of the Union. Other things were secured for this district, but Hendersonville was the only place receiving an appropriation for a new postoffice.

Judge Blythe was named as chairman of a committee by those present to draw suitable resolutions in expression of the peoples' appreciation of Mr. Grant's services in connection with the appropriation for the postoffice building.

CRIMINAL COURT ADJOURNS.

The March criminal term of Superior court with Judge B. F. Long presiding lasted only two and one half days. The docket was pretty well cleared. The following were found guilty:

Doots Sly, retailing, guilty, sentenced to 5 months on road.

J. E. Johnson, hunting on reservation, guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

Sam Youngblood, assault and battery, guilty, fined \$100 and costs.

P. V. Anders, retailing, guilty fined \$100 and costs.

Sherman Kuykendall, larceny, guilty, sentenced to 10 months on roads.

Hall Rhodes, drunk and gambling, guilty, 10 months on county roads.

Tom Mills, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Ned Memminger, larceny, guilty, sentenced to roads for 13 months.

James Dotson, Francis Ficker, Will Guice, Henry Reed, Will Hollingsworth, forcible trespass, guilty, being boys and chastised by parents, judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Arthur Elijah, retailing, guilty, 5 months on roads.

REAL ESTATE PICKING UP.

Prof. I. B. Brown has sold his eight-room house on Fleming street to O. M. Whitfield.

W. S. Miller has purchased from George H. Valentine a lot on Fifth avenue, the deals being made through F. S. Wetmur.

REPORT OF RETARDATION AND ELIMINATION OF PUPILS.

Flat Rock School Reports on III Effects of Non-Attendance at School. Some Interesting Statistics.

Most of our children enter the first grade at six or seven years. Some of them are promoted from year to year and reach the seventh grade at thirteen years of age; others fall of promotion and find themselves not in the seventh grade at fourteen but in the fifth or sixth. This we call retardation.

The evil effects of this are readily seen when we think of a boy studying and reciting with the kids, as he commonly terms it, while on the playground he is with the more advanced pupils. This gets him out of sorts and discourages him; and the final outcome is not hard to imagine. At the first opportunity he leaves school with just the bare mechanics of reading and an incomplete knowledge of the four fundamental operations of arithmetic.

I have endeavored to find the causes for this as they are here and then seek a remedy or whatever remedies seem applicable. But before we seek a remedy let us examine the causes that would lead to such an outcome as already mentioned.

The number of repeaters by grades were found to be as follows:

First grade 11 boys and 7 girls.
Second grade, 3 boys and 3 girls.
Third grade, 2 boys and 5 girls.
Fourth grade, 4 boys and 1 girl.
Fifth grade, 1 boy and 0 girls.
Sixth grade, 5 boys and 1 girl.
Seventh grade, 2 boys and 0 girls.
Eighth grade, 0 boys and 0 girls.
Ninth grade, 0 boys and 0 girls.
Total 28 boys, 17 girls.

Total of all 45 or 20 per cent of all 24 per cent of all boys and 15 per cent of all girls.

The average attendance of these repeaters was for the first grade boys 86 days or 54 per cent of the time, girls 91 days or 57 per cent of time.

Second grade boys, 72 days or 45 per cent of the time, girls 117 days or 73 per cent of time.

Third grade boys 54 days or 33 per cent of the time, girls 59 days or 37 per cent of time.

Fourth grade boys 32 days or 20 per cent of the time, girls 109 days or 68 per cent of time.

Fifth grade boys 30 days or 21 per cent of the time, girls 00 days or 00 per cent of time.

Sixth grade boys and girls, 60 days or 38 per cent of the time.

Seventh grade boys and girls, 50 days or 32 per cent of the time.

Eighth grade boys and girls, 70 days or 43 per cent of the time.

It was found that the retardation was greatest in the first and sixth grades; there being about 60 per cent of the first grade retarded and 55 per cent of the sixth grade. All other grades ranged from this to nothing.

It is seen that in no case has a repeater attended as much as 75 per cent of the time, which means that they were trying to do the impossible—work less than 75 per cent of the time and get the required 75 per cent of pay. But how much of this non-attendance was the school, the teacher and the home responsible. Certainly the schools were not responsible unless it could be in the course of study, for the schools are better equipped than the average home from which it draws its pupils. Granting that the teachers are responsible for a part of this, and it cannot be greater than 25 per cent there is 75 per cent unaccounted for; and I feel that the parents are responsible to that extent. This is borne out by the fact that a large number of parents take their children out of school in early spring and put them supposedly at work when in reality one man working ten days could do as much as they do in the two or three months they are out of school.

And to come to the final outcome of this retardation, we find the real but sad end—the elimination, which we find greatest in the sixth and seventh grades. At present four or 9 per cent of all repeaters have dropped out and that number will very probably be doubled before the end of the year.

R. A. REED, Principal.

BEAR WALLOW WELTERS.

We all believe Mr. and Mrs. Hall are planning to enjoy drives over our new road next summer as they have just bought them a nice new buggy.

"Squire Oates made a business trip to Hendersonville last Monday.

Mr. J. V. Grant had a fine cow to fall a few days ago and break her leg. Afterwards he killed her.

The young people of this place seem to be enjoying themselves very much lately going to parties and dances.

BAPTIST PREACHERS AND WORKERS ENJOY GOOD DAY.

A number of Baptist ministers and workers of Henderson county enjoyed some profitable and interesting discussions at the meetings at the East Baptist and First Baptist churches Tuesday proceedings covering which will be written for the Democrat by Mrs. J. F. Brooks and Rev. R. N. Pratt for next week.

V. E. GRANT IN LINE FOR HONORS FROM THE WOODMEN.

Stands Fair Showing for Head Adviser of Woodmen for State; Second Highest Office of Woodcraft.

Hendersonville has a fair opportunity to become the home of the Head Adviser of the Woodmen of the World of North Carolina, the second highest office and one which automatically promotes to Head Consul, the highest office of Woodcraft in the State. The name of V. E. Grant of this city will be placed in nomination for Head Adviser by his friends at the bi-ennial convention of Woodmen of the World to be held in Durham next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Grant's Prospects.

Two year ago at the convention held in Asheville Mr. Grant received the second highest number of votes for this office, including the solid Western Carolina vote and a scattering number of votes from other parts of the State. This year prospects are considerably brighter as it is understood that Mr. Grant will receive a strong support from the central and eastern part of the State. In fact, pledges have already been made which would indicate that if no hitch should occur Mr. Grant will receive the necessary number of votes on the first ballot. However, his friends are taking no risks through indifference. John T. Wilkins, Jr., G. J. Milward, the duly elected delegates, have pledged their hearty support and co-operation by attending the convention and electioneering for Mr. Grant.

Is an Active Worker.

Having been a member of White Pine Camp, W. O. W., No. 213, for seven years, since it was organized in this city, Mr. Grant has held nearly every office in the local camp, including the office of Consul Commander, which he has held about five years in all. The camp was chartered with 20 members and now has an enrollment of nearly 300, being the second largest fraternal order in the county.

In the uniform ranks of the W. O. W., V. E. Grant holds the office of Lieut. Colonel of the 137th regiment. He has been a delegate and attended every state convention within the past seven years.

Mr. Grant has just received a telegram from state manager, E. B. Lewis, of Kinston stating that he has been appointed a member of the credentials committee, which convenes early Monday morning. Mr. Grant expects to leave here Sunday for Durham.

ACTIVITIES OF FASSIFERN

THIS CITY'S NEW SCHOOL

Dr. Cobb at Fassifern.

Dr. Collier Cobb, professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of North Carolina, delivered a lecture, "A tramp across the Alps" before the faculty and students of Fassifern Monday evening.

The distinguished speaker was introduced by Judge H. G. Ewart, who in his introduction referred to the fact that possibly no institution in the country had sent into the lecturing field more attractive or brilliant speakers than the University of North Carolina; that he felt sure that the audience after they had heard Dr. Cobb would conclude that the latter would not prove an exception to the rule. His instructive lectures "Across the Alps" and "What we learn from the Sand dunes of Gascony," have been heard and admired by thousands. Not only is Dr. Cobb a brilliant lecturer, but he has written a number of articles on geological questions which have attracted attention in the scientific world.

The lecture was illustrated and the pictures in the vicinity of lake Como and the ascent of the Alps were superb. Perhaps the most wonderful was the illustration of the splendid roads and bridges built hundreds of years ago and yet in a state of perfect preservation and a marvel to the people of the 20th century.

HORSE SHOE SCHOOL DISTRICT PETITION FOR LONGER SCHOOL.

The board of education in monthly session Monday granted the petition for a local tax district election in Horse Shoe No. 5 and called an election to be held in April.

The petition was signed by every tax payer in the district, except one, this person being absent.

The election will provide for a levy of 20 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 60 cents on the poll.

A new school building is proposed. L. T. Cantrell, who is building the Edneyville school house fled bond with the board Monday.

MERCHANTS TO MEET.

The regular monthly meeting of the Merchants association of Hendersonville will be held at the furniture store of Chas. Rozelle Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock.